

# CDBG PROGRAM

## INNOVATIVE GRANTS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **PURPOSE**

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. This category assists communities with recognized needs that may not fit under the other categories of CDBG funding.

### **AUTHORIZATION**

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

State CDBG funds are only available to cities and counties in non-entitlement areas (incorporated municipalities under 50,000 and counties under 200,000).

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

The innovative category allows applicants to submit projects that do not fit under existing categories. The projects must still comply with all CDBG regulations and must still select eligible activities from the list provided in the application. This category allows the applicant to recognize and solve a need particular to the community.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Communities interested in applying for grant assistance should complete a CDBG application. The application cycle is open year-round with no deadline date, and is based upon availability of funds. Applications are rated on need, project impact, local and past efforts. Applicants must score a minimum of 65 points out of 100 to gain a recommendation for award. Applications must include any supporting documentation that verifies the need, such as professional studies, census information, etc.

The application and guidelines are available on the Dept. of Economic Development website: [www.ecodev.state.mo.us/cd](http://www.ecodev.state.mo.us/cd).

### **FUNDING LIMITS**

The maximum amount any applicant can apply for is \$250,000 or \$5,000 per household.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants that can substantiate a need or a series of needs and have a well thought-out solution with an emphasis on sustainability and local impact (serving a large population with every dollar) will be given consideration. Applicants who leverage other creative funding sources to achieve a broader solution to a series of needs will be given consideration. Applicants who demonstrate local capacity to manage the project will also be given consideration.

Applicants must meet a “national objective” to participate in the CDBG program, which may include the low-to-moderate income persons or elimination of slums or blight, (or a combination of the two.) Please contact the CDBG office for more information regarding the national objectives.

### **CONTACT**

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## **OTHER SERVICES OF DED**

### **DED REGIONAL OFFICES**

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Kansas City (816) 889-2900  
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### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Community Development Group offers over 10 different tax credit and grant programs to specifically meet the needs of not for profit organizations, community groups, and local government in areas such as infrastructure improvement, housing, violence prevention, and community facilities. For more information please call (573) 751-5981 or access the information at [www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded/cd](http://www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded/cd).